

REMARKS

Claims 11-23 are pending in the present application. The Final Office Action and the Advisory Action mailed on June 19, 2007, have been considered. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that the amendment filed on May 16, 2007, would be entered, but was not persuasive to overcome the rejections. Thus, the rejection of claims 11-23 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over Paff (U.S. Patent No. 5,164,827) has been maintained and will be addressed in this response.

Claim 1 has amended to recite a surveillance system comprising a plurality of cameras including at least a rotating camera adapted to perform a tracking/shooting function and a wide angle shooting function and intruding object recognizing means for identifying a coordinate information of an object of monitoring on a coordinate space by analyzing image signals entered from the cameras. The system further comprises camera function determining means that when an information that there is an intruding object is obtained from the intruding object recognizing means, allocates, according to the coordinate information of an object of monitoring on a coordinate space, to a first camera the tracking/shooting function whose field of view is a predetermined direction of the object of monitoring and to a second camera a wide angle shooting function, and further, the camera function determining means, when an information that there is no intruding object is obtained from the intruding object recognizing means, allocates a wide angle shooting function. The system further comprises camera control means for controlling the plurality of cameras according to the allocation of functions by the

camera function determining means. This is not taught, disclosed or made obvious by the prior art of record.

In the combination of claim 1, Applicant respectfully submits that the feature that a camera function determining means allocates, when an information that there is an intruding object is obtained from said intruding object recognizing means, according to the coordinate information of an object of monitoring on a coordinate space, to a first camera said tracking/shooting function whose field of view is a predetermined direction of said object of monitoring and to a second camera a wide angle shooting function, and further, the camera function determining means allocates, when an information that there is no intruding object is obtained from said intruding object recognizing means, to a plurality of cameras a wide angle shooting function, designates an important characteristic of the present invention. Because of such a construction, the cameras can dynamically adapt to perform a tracking/shooting function and a wide angle shooting function. Such a characteristic neither is disclosed in Paff nor is suggested in it.

Further, Paff neither discloses such a feature of "allocating, according to the coordinate of an object of monitoring on a coordinate space, to the first camera said tracking/shooting function whose of view is a predetermined direction of said object of monitoring and to a second camera a wide angle shooting function nor suggests the feature. The coordinate information includes position, moving direction and orientation of the intruding object. Therefore, the camera function determining means can allocate to a camera a wide angle shooting function or a tracking/shooting function according to the coordinate information relating to position. Or, the camera function determining means can allocate to a camera a wide

angle shooting function or a tracking/shooting function according to the coordinate information relating to moving direction or orientation. Because of such features, the cameras can dynamically adapt to perform a tracking/shooting function and a wide angle shooting function. Such a characteristic neither is disclosed in Paff nor is suggested in it.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is patentable over the prior art of record. Claims 12-23 are believed to be patentable in and of themselves, and as they depend from and include the recitations of claim 1, for the reasons discussed above with respect to claim 1.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections of record. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to this effect is most earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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